GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:693
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2006
BAGLIHAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has resolved the Baglihar Project issue;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the progress made in this regard so far; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The Neutral Expert appointed by the World Bank is to resolve the Baglihar Project issues raised by Pakistan.

(c) The Neutral Expert has held five meetings with the Parties viz. the Government of India and the Government of Pakistan. Government of India submitted various documents required by the Neutral Expert upto the fifth meeting as well its Counter Memorial and Rejoinder respectively, to the Memorial and Reply submitted by Pakistan during the process. Government of India also arranged the visits by Pakistan Team of engineers and also by the Neutral Expert along with the Parties to the project site and its physical model. Government of India also deputed eminent legal and technical experts to place its views effectively before the Neutral Expert.

(d) The fifth meeting held in November, 2006 was the final one before the Neutral Expert could render his decision.